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What is claimed is:

1           1.     A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2           a)     converting an N-bit data word of a data bit stream to an M-bit  
3     code word and storing a plurality of said M-bit code words in a buffer to  
4     form a channel bit stream, where the integer M is greater than the integer N;  
5           b)     determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
6           c)     detecting a bit sequence of a predetermined pattern in the  
7     stored channel bit stream; and  
8           d)     replacing a bit "1" of said detected bit sequence with a bit "0" if  
9     the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching zero.

1           2.     A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2           a)     mapping a plurality of 4-bit data words to a plurality of 3-bit  
3     code words in a memory;  
4           b)     segmenting a data bit stream into a plurality of 4-bit data  
5     words; and  
6           c)     converting higher significant two bits of each 4-bit data word to  
7     a 3-bit code word correspondingly mapped to the 4-bit data word in said  
8     memory so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive 1's is produced  
9     by a plurality of said 3-bit code words;  
10          d)     determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
11          e)     detecting a first predetermined one of said 3-bit code words  
12     which is consecutive with a second predetermined one of said 3-bit code  
13     words; and  
14          f)     replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word  
15     "000" if the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching zero.

1           3.     A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2     mapping, in a memory, 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to

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3 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "101000", "100000", "001000" and "010000", respectively;  
6 segmenting a data bit stream into a plurality of 4-bit data words;  
7 converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-bit code word mapped in  
8 said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident with one of said mapped 4-  
9 bit data words and converting higher significant two bits of the 4-bit data  
10 word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is  
11 non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words so that a channel  
12 bit stream having no consecutive 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit  
13 code words and a plurality of said 3-bit code words;  
14 forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
15 non-coincident data word;  
16 determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
17 detecting a code word "010" which occurs immediately following any  
18 one of said 6-bit code words; and  
19 replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word "000" if  
20 the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching zero.

1 4. A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2 mapping, in a memory, 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to  
3 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "101000", "100000", "001000" and "010000", respectively;  
6 segmenting a data bit stream into a plurality of 4-bit data words;  
7 converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-bit code word mapped in  
8 said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident with one of said mapped 4-  
9 bit data words, and converting higher significant two bits of the 4-bit data  
10 word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is  
11 non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words so that a channel

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12 bit stream having no consecutive 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit  
13 code words and a plurality of said 3-bit code words;  
14 forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
15 non-coincident data word;  
16 determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
17 detecting a code word "010000" which occurs immediately following  
18 any one of said 3-bit code words; and  
19 replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word  
20 "000000" if the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching  
21 zero.

1 5. A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2 mapping, in a memory, 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to  
3 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "000101", "000100", "000001" and "000010", respectively;  
6 segmenting a data bit stream into a plurality of 4-bit data words;  
7 converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-bit code word mapped in  
8 said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident with one of said mapped 4-  
9 bit data words, and converting higher significant two bits of the 4-bit data  
10 word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is  
11 non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words so that a channel  
12 bit stream having no consecutive 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit  
13 code words and a plurality of said 3-bit code words;  
14 forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
15 non-coincident data word;  
16 determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
17 detecting a code word "010" which is immediately followed by any  
18 one of said 6-bit code words; and  
19 replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word "000" if

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20 the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching zero.

1           6.       A data modulation method comprising the steps of:  
2           mapping, in a memory, 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to  
3           3-bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4           bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5           "000101", "000100", "000001" and "000010", respectively;  
6           segmenting a data bit stream into a plurality of 4-bit data words;  
7           converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-bit code word mapped in  
8           said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident with one of said mapped 4-  
9           bit data words;  
10          converting higher significant two bits of the 4-bit data word to a 3-bit  
11          code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is non-coincident  
12          with any of said mapped 4-bit data words;  
13          forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
14          non-coincident data word so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
15          1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit code words and a plurality of said 3-  
16          bit code words;  
17          determining a digital sum value of said channel bit stream;  
18          detecting a code word "000010" which is immediately followed by any  
19          one of said 3-bit code words; and  
20          replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word  
21          "000000" if the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching  
22          zero.

1           7.       The data modulation method of claim 2, wherein, in said  
2           memory, a first group of 4-bit data words "001X", "01XX", "101X" and  
3           "11XX" are mapped to 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001", "010",  
4           respectively, a second group of 4-bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and  
5           "1001" are mapped to said 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001", "010",

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1           12.    The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2    comprising the steps of generating a synchronization pattern and inserting  
3    the synchronization pattern to said channel bit stream.

1           13.    The data modulation method of claim 12, wherein said  
2    synchronization pattern comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1           14.    The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2    comprising the steps of:  
3           storing a plurality of synchronization patterns in a memory;  
4           selecting one of the synchronization patterns according to the amount  
5    of offset from starting point of a sector on a recording disc; and  
6           inserting the selected synchronization pattern to said channel bit  
7    stream.

1           15.    The data modulation method of claim 14, wherein each of said  
2    synchronization patterns comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1           16.    The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2    comprising the steps of:  
3           storing, in a memory, a first group of synchronization patterns of even-  
4    number of 1's and a second group of synchronization patterns of odd-number  
5    of 1's;  
6           selecting one of the synchronization patterns of even-number of 1's  
7    from said first group and one of the synchronization patterns of odd-number  
8    of 1's from said second group according to the amount of offset from starting  
9    point of a sector on a recording disc;  
10          choosing one of the selected synchronization patterns of even-number  
11    of 1's and odd-number of 1's so that the chosen synchronization pattern  
12    results in said digital sum value approaching zero; and

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6 respectively, and a 4-bit data word "XXXX" is mapped to a 3-bit code word  
7 "000", where the symbol X represents either "1" or "0",  
8 wherein step (c) comprises using said first and second groups of data  
9 words to convert said two higher significant bits of each 4-bit data word if  
10 said first group was used to convert immediately preceding two higher  
11 significant bits, and using said 4-bit data word "XXXX" to convert said two  
12 higher significant bits if said second group was used to convert said  
13 immediately preceding two higher significant bits,  
14 wherein step (d) comprises detecting said first predetermined 3-bit  
15 code word when said second group was used to convert said immediately  
16 preceding four consecutive bits.

1 8. The data modulation method of claim 7, wherein said first  
2 predetermined 3-bit code word is "010" and said second predetermined code  
3 word is "000".

1 9. The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2 comprising the steps of detecting a bit sequence "010.101.010" in said channel  
3 bit stream and replacing the detected bit sequence with a substitute bit  
4 sequence "000.000.000".

1 10. The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, wherein  
2 the step of replacing the detected code word further comprises updating said  
3 digital sum value.

1 11. The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2 comprising the step of restoring said detected code word when a bit sequence  
3 having a predetermined number of consecutive 0's is formed in said channel  
4 bit stream due to the replacement of said detected code with said substitute  
5 code word "000".

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13            inserting the chosen synchronization pattern to said channel bit  
14 stream.

1            17.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 16, wherein each of  
2 said synchronization patterns comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1            18.    The data modulation method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3            mapping a plurality of code words to a plurality of data words in a  
4 memory;

5            receiving said channel bit stream and detecting a bit sequence "000.  
6 000" in the received channel bit stream;

7            replacing the detected bit sequence with a substitute bit sequence "010.  
8 000"; and

9            converting each code word of the channel bit stream to a data word  
10 corresponding to one of the data words mapped in said memory.

1            19.    The data modulation method of claim 18, wherein said  
2 substitute bit sequence is "010. 000".

1            20.    The data modulation method of claim 18, wherein said  
2 substitute bit sequence is "000. 010".

1            21.    The data modulation method of claim 18, wherein the replacing  
2 step further comprises detecting a bit sequence "000. 000. 000" and replacing  
3 the detected bit sequence with a bit sequence "010. 101. 010".

1            22.    The data modulation method of claim 18, wherein a plurality of  
2 3-bit code words are mapped in said memory to a plurality of 2-bit data  
3 words and a plurality of 6-bit code words are mapped to a plurality of 4-bit



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4 data words.

1 23. A data modulation apparatus comprising:  
2 a buffer;  
3 conversion circuitry for converting an N-bit data word of a data bit  
4 stream to an M-bit code word and storing a plurality of said M-bit code  
5 words in said buffer to form a channel bit stream, where the integer M is  
6 greater than the integer N; and  
7 control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
8 stream, detecting a bit sequence of a predetermined pattern in the stored  
9 channel bit stream, and replacing a bit "1" of said detected bit sequence with  
10 a bit "0" if the replacement results in said digital sum value approaching  
11 zero.

1 24. A data modulation apparatus comprising:  
2 a memory for mapping a plurality of 4-bit data words to a plurality of  
3 3-bit code words;  
4 conversion circuitry for successively segmenting a data bit stream into  
5 a plurality of 4-bit data words, converting higher significant two bits of each  
6 4-bit data word to a 3-bit code word correspondingly mapped to the 4-bit  
7 data word in said memory so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
8 1's is produced by a plurality of said 3-bit code words; so that a channel bit  
9 stream having no consecutive 1's is produced by a plurality of said 3-bit code  
10 words; and  
11 control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
12 stream, detecting a first predetermined one of said 3-bit code words which is  
13 consecutive with a second predetermined one of said 3-bit code words, and  
14 replacing the detected code word with a substitute code word "000" if the  
15 replacement results in said digital sum value approaching zero.

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- 1           25.    A data modulation apparatus comprising:  
2           a memory for mapping 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to 3-  
3 bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "101000", "100000", "001000" and "010000", respectively;  
6           conversion circuitry for successively segmenting a data bit stream into  
7 a plurality of 4-bit data words, converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-  
8 bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident  
9 with one of said mapped 4-bit data words, converting higher significant two  
10 bits of the 4-bit data word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the  
11 4-bit data word is non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words,  
12 and forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
13 non-coincident data word so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
14 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit code words and a plurality of said 3-  
15 bit code words; and  
16           control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
17 stream, detecting a code word "010" which occurs immediately following any  
18 one of said 6-bit code words, and replacing the detected code word with a  
19 substitute code word "000" if the replacement results in said digital sum  
20 value approaching zero.
- 1           26.    A data modulation apparatus comprising:  
2           a memory for mapping 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to 3-  
3 bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "101000", "100000", "001000" and "010000", respectively;  
6           conversion circuitry for successively segmenting a data bit stream into  
7 a plurality of 4-bit data words, converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-  
8 bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident  
9 with one of said mapped 4-bit data words, converting higher significant two

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10 bits of the 4-bit data word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the  
11 4-bit data word is non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words,  
12 and forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
13 non-coincident data word so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
14 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit code words and a plurality of said 3-  
15 bit code words; and

16 control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
17 stream, detecting a code word "010000" which occurs immediately following  
18 any one of said 3-bit code words, and replacing the detected code word with  
19 a substitute code word "000000" if the replacement results in said digital sum  
20 value approaching zero.

1 27. A data modulation apparatus comprising:

2 a memory for mapping 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to 3-  
3 bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "000101", "000100", "000001" and "000010", respectively;

6 conversion circuitry for successively segmenting a data bit stream into  
7 a plurality of 4-bit data words, converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-  
8 bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident  
9 with one of said mapped 4-bit data words, converting higher significant two  
10 bits of the 4-bit data word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the  
11 4-bit data word is non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words,  
12 and forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
13 non-coincident data word so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
14 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit code words and a plurality of said 3-  
15 bit code words; and

16 control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
17 stream, detecting a code word "010" which is immediately followed by any  
18 one of said 6-bit code words, and replacing the detected code word with a

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19 substitute code word "000" if the replacement results in said digital sum  
20 value approaching zero.

1       28.     A data modulation apparatus comprising:  
2       a memory for mapping 2-bit data words "00", "01", "10" and "11" to 3-  
3 bit code words "101", "100", "001" and "010", respectively, and mapping 4-  
4 bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to 6-bit code words  
5 "000101", "000100", "000001" and "000010", respectively;  
6       conversion circuitry for successively segmenting a data bit stream into  
7 a plurality of 4-bit data words, converting each of the 4-bit data words to a 6-  
8 bit code word mapped in said memory if the 4-bit data word is coincident  
9 with one of said mapped 4-bit data words, converting higher significant two  
10 bits of the 4-bit data word to a 3-bit code word mapped in said memory if the  
11 4-bit data word is non-coincident with any of said mapped 4-bit data words,  
12 and forming a subsequent 4-bit data word with lower significant bits of the  
13 non-coincident data word so that a channel bit stream having no consecutive  
14 1's is formed by a plurality of said 6-bit code words and a plurality of said 3-  
15 bit code words; and  
16       control circuitry for determining a digital sum value of said channel bit  
17 stream, detecting a code word "000010" which is immediately followed by  
18 any one of said 3-bit code words, and replacing the detected code word with  
19 a substitute code word "000000" if the replacement results in said digital sum  
20 value approaching zero.

1       29.     The data modulation apparatus of claim 24, wherein said  
2 memory maps a first group of 4-bit data words "001X", "01XX", "101X" and  
3 "11XX" to 3-bit code words "101", "100", "001", "010", respectively, maps a  
4 second group of 4-bit data words "0000", "0001", "1000" and "1001" to said 3-  
5 bit code words "101", "100", "001", "010", respectively, and maps a 4-bit data  
6 word "XXXX" to a 3-bit code word "000", where the symbol X represents

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7 either "1" or "0",

8 wherein said conversion circuitry uses said first and second groups of  
9 data words to convert said two higher significant bits of each 4-bit data word  
10 if said first group was used to convert immediately preceding two higher  
11 significant bits, and uses said 4-bit data word "XXXX" for converting said  
12 two higher significant bits if said second group was used to convert said  
13 immediately preceding two higher significant bits,

14 wherein said control circuitry detects said first predetermined 3-bit  
15 code word when said second group was used to convert said immediately  
16 preceding four consecutive bits.

1 30. The data modulation apparatus of claim 29, wherein said first  
2 predetermined 3-bit code word is "010" and said second predetermined code  
3 word is "000".

1 31. The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2 further comprising a replacement circuit for detecting a bit sequence "010.  
3 101. 010" in said channel bit stream and replacing the detected bit sequence  
4 with a substitute bit sequence "000. 000. 000".

1 32. The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2 wherein said control circuitry updates said digital sum value after the  
3 detected code word is replaced with said code word "000".

1 33. The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2 wherein said control circuitry restores said detected code word when a bit  
3 sequence having a predetermined number of consecutive 0's is formed in said  
4 channel bit stream due to the replacement of said detected code with said  
5 substitute code word "000".

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1           34.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2    further comprising means for generating a synchronization pattern and  
3    inserting the synchronization pattern to said channel bit stream.

1           35.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 34, wherein said  
2    synchronization pattern comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1           36.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2    further comprising:  
3           a memory for storing a plurality of synchronization patterns;  
4           means for selecting one of the synchronization patterns according to  
5    the amount of offset from starting point of a sector on a recording disc; and  
6           means for inserting the selected synchronization pattern to said  
7    channel bit stream.

1           37.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 36, wherein each of  
2    said synchronization patterns comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1           38.    The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2    further comprising:  
3           a memory for storing a first group of synchronization patterns of even-  
4    number of 1's and a second group of synchronization patterns of odd-number  
5    of 1's;  
6           means for selecting one of the synchronization patterns of even-  
7    number of 1's from said first group and one of the synchronization patterns  
8    of odd-number of 1's from said second group according to the amount of  
9    offset from starting point of a sector on a recording disc;  
10          means for choosing one of the selected synchronization patterns of  
11    even-number of 1's and odd-number of 1's so that the chosen synchronization  
12    pattern results in said digital sum value approaching zero; and

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13 means for inserting the chosen synchronization pattern to said channel  
14 bit stream.

1 39. The data modulation apparatus of claim 38, wherein each of  
2 said synchronization patterns comprises a bit sequence "000. 000. 000."

1 40. The data modulation apparatus of claim 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28,  
2 further comprising:  
3 replacement circuitry for receiving said channel bit stream and  
4 detecting a bit sequence "000. 000" in the received channel bit stream, and  
5 replacing the detected bit sequence with a substitute bit sequence "010. 000";  
6 a memory for mapping a plurality of code words to a plurality of data  
7 words; and  
8 conversion circuitry for receiving the channel bit stream from said  
9 replacement circuitry and converting each code word of the channel bit  
10 stream to a data word corresponding to one of the mapped data words of  
11 said memory.

1 41. The data modulation apparatus of claim 40, wherein said  
2 substitute bit sequence is "010. 000".

1 42. The data modulation apparatus of claim 40, wherein said  
2 substitute bit sequence is "000. 010".

1 43. The data modulation apparatus of claim 40, wherein said  
2 replacement circuit further detects a bit sequence "000. 000. 000" and  
3 replacing the detected bit sequence with a bit sequence "010. 101. 010".

1 44. The data modulation apparatus of claim 40, wherein said  
2 memory maps a plurality of 3-bit code words to a plurality of 2-bit data  
3 words and maps a plurality of 6-bit code words to a plurality of 4-bit data  
4 words.